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Political pot is boiling



PLUMBERS 444 is one local union that isn't going to get caught sleeping at the switch as that compulsory open shop "right to work" initiative gets to rolling down the track. That and other vital political issues were taken up at the big St. Valentine's party held by the union at the Labor Temple February 15, a view of which is shown above. See page 3 for the story of the party. The picture shows, left to right, Frank Weinmann, Michael Cahill, Earl Davis, John Amess, Gerald L. Stacy, Seymour Bachmann, Willis F. Mills, John J. King, Dan MacDonald, Al Green, Archie Virtue, John Garavanta, James Cahill, Bert J. Porter, Arthur M. Cleary, George Hess, Dominick J. Mooney; Standing at center—I. B. Krause, Ben H. Beynon.

REPORT
To Our Reader - Owners

11 YEARS AS EDITOR

Tomorrow, Saturday March 1, completes my eleventh year as editor of East Bay Labor Journal. The same date completes the first year of publication of the paper in tabloid form.

Joe Chaudet was here when I came 11 years ago, and he's still here, and that's one of the main reasons I enjoy still being here. During those years we have learned to work together so well, and to push through such a volume of work with very little need for elaborate discussion that it reminds me of when I worked on the carriage in sawmills.

The carriage moved up and down at high speed, regulated by a lever in the hands of the sawyer, and for 10 hours a day six days a week I rode on the carriage facing the sawyer who stood down on the floor of the mill. You couldn't have exchanged a word to save your soul.

But the sawyer would wiggle a finger, or I would, and get an answering finger wiggle, and that was that. We'd go ahead cutting up that log, and knowing just what we were up to. Well, that's the way Joe and I work together. Takes a team in either a mill or the running of a newspaper.

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BIG YEAR COMING

This twelfth year of my editorship that's coming up looks like one that will test the abilities of any labor editor.

The recession, the relations between the unions in the AFL-CIO and those recently ousted, the "right to work", the tax-lowering initiative backed by labor, the rampaging of Senator Knowland with that bulldozer of his, the incessant changes in industry practice causing turmoil in the unions involved, and, hovering over all, the menacing shadow of a Russia so much smarter than we realized!

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AT THE SCOW'S HELM

We shall continue to print the news important to labor, whether it is pleasing to all of us or not, and also to comment on such news in the manner to which our readers have become accustomed.

Since that manner does not include a tendency to flattery of the big boys in the labor movement, I may assume that readers will realize I speak sincerely when I add that one of my great joys of the past year has been the spectacle of a real man, George Meany, at the helm of our somewhat barnacle-encrusted scow.

LOUIS BURGESS

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Teachers will ask wage raise despite vote

William R. Hudson, president of the Oakland Federation of Teachers, made it plain at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week that despite the defeat February 18 of the school tax limit increase, the AFLCIO Teachers will go right ahead and press demands for wage rises for teachers.

Hudson said that it was obvious, since the voters had failed to increase the school tax limit, that there would be reduction of service and efficiency in the Oakland school system. But he said that the union has already asked the Board of Education to appoint a negotiating committee to meet with the union's negotiating committee to discuss wages. This would be a departure from the past custom of the board, which has called instead for "presentations."

George Stokes, another delegate from the same union, explaining that he was speaking strictly as an individual, said under "good and welfare" that he was glad the tax limit increase of $1.12 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation had been defeated. It was inadequate in the first place, he said, and he believed the cutdown in school service might wake up the citizens to the fact that the system is sliding downhill.

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, protested this, saying that he was shocked to hear anyone in the labor group say that he was glad a measure for the good of the schoolchildren had been defeated. He said his union had worked hard for the measure, that important as pay is, more than teachers' pay was involved; the children needed decent buildings and supplies also.

Stokes asked President Al Brown for the privilege of replying, and although Brown pointed out that under "good and welfare" with no motion on the floor, debate was not in order, he said Stokes could speak briefly.

Stokes then earnestly insisted that you could have the best buildings in the world, but if you didn't have good teachers the school system would not succeed, and only better pay would bring better recruits to teaching.

CLC auditor's quarterly report read by Geldert

W. Douglas Geldert, Building Service Employees 18, as a trustee of the Central Labor Council this week read to the delegates the auditor's report on the council's finances for the quarterly period October-December, 1957.

The other trustees are Charles Jones, Food Clerks 870, and William Stumpf, Steelworker Machinists 1304.

Building supply workers cards discussed by BTC

Some members of locals affiliated with internationals in the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department do no on-site construction work. They work in shops engaged in the fabrication, assembling, processing, or supplying of building materials.

Should such shop workers on building materials carry building trades cards? How far would their internationals go in enforcing this provision? Could there be a lower charge for a shop member's card?

This is one of the many intricate questions facing the Building Trades Council. At the last meeting of that body a letter on the subject was read by BTC Secretary John Davy which had been received from Richard L. Gray, president of the Building & Construction Trades Department.

President Gray noted that there is chartered by the AFL-CIO a Metal Trades Department. He continued:

"Eleven of the affiliates of the Building & Construction Trades Department are also affiliated with the Metal Trades Department, and where these trades do exclusive shop fabrication and at no time do any work out on the construction sites, then I doubt if we have any authority to compel their affiliated international unions to force them to pay per capita tax to a building trades council.

"However, if they are part time shop fabrication men and also come out on the job site to erect material, then a fair proportion of that type of membership should be compelled to pay per capita tax and purchase building trades cards or they should not be recognized on the job site."

The international unions which have members working in shops producing building materials all belong to both the Metal Trades Department and the Building & Construction Trades Department. They are: Carpenters, Laborers, Electrical Workers, Engineers, Iron Workers, Sheet Metal Workers, and Teamsters.

LEGISLATIVE MEET

President Bryan P. Deavers of the State Building and Construction Trades Council in a letter called attention "to the necessity of having a large turnout of delegates to the Building Trades Department legislative conference in Washington, D. C., March 3-6."

A meeting of the California delegates to the conference will be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

FRANK A. LAWRENCE

Frank A. Lawrence, presiding commissioner, State Industrial Accident Commission, in a letter thanked the Building Trades for recommending to Governor Knight that Lawrence be reappointed. Lawrence has been reappointed, and was sworn into office January 24.

NAACP WITH LABOR

A letter from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People assured the council that the NAACP was taking a firm stand against the "right to work" compulsory open shop initiative. C. L. Dellums, an officer of the Sleeping Car Porters here, was one of the letter's signers.

USF LABOR SCHOOL

The University of San Francisco Labor-Management School, through Director Andrew C. Boss, S. J., announced that registration for the spring session will be held on first class night, March 4, at 7 p.m.

KOHLER GOODS PILE UP

The Kohler boycott bulletin received by the council declared that the struck company "has the largest stockpile of customerless plumbing fixtures in the history of the entire plumbingware industry."

WORKING FOR GROCERIES

Painters having complained

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Farm Union fails in its effort to save Federal agent from being fired

The discharge of William Renner as a field representative in Modesto of the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security has been upheld by Director Robert C. Goodwin of the bureau.

Ernesto Galarza of the AFL-CIO National Agricultural Workers Union has charged that Renner was fired because he turned up too many violations of the law regulating the importation of Mexican nationals for farm work in California.

Dem candidate speaks at CLC

The political pot is boiling and here and there boiling over.

The picture at the head of this story shows that the unions are getting into the seething situation. And there were many other actions and statements. Some of them:

1—Glenn M. Anderson, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, addressed the Central Labor Council, denouncing the Republicans as doubletalkers, came out strongly for a fair employment practices law, and attacked the "right to work" proposal.

2—CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash and other labor people conferred with State Employment Department officials on the efforts the "right to work" advocates are using to hire petition circulators through that State agency.

3—Senator Knowland, advocate of the "right to work" scheme and Republican candidate for Governor, said in Washington that in 1960 he will support Vice President Nixon for President, but left the road open to run for that office himself if the political weather is favorable.

4—At the same time Demo-

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COPE MEETING MARCH 3 INSTEAD OF THE CLC

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday, March 3. Instead there will be the first official meeting of the new COPE (Council of Political Education).

State Council has a lively agenda

Al Thoman, business representative, Carpenters 36, starting for the State Council of Carpenters convention in Monterey, said "it promises to be a real whingding of a convention."

He called attention to the fact that there will be a special called meeting March 14 of Local 36 to vote on several matters.

The main one is 2½ cents per hour in the contract that can be put on wages or health and welfare or pension. At the same meeting there will be a report on the State Council convention.

HOW TO BUY

Wage-earners seek rentals

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

This winter wage-earners are having a struggle simply to keep up with the costs of food and shelter, with some meat prices jumping as much as five or ten cents a week recently. The stubbornly high prices in the face of declining employment and wages are an omen that the present recession is going to be stiffer and longer than many realize.

Moderate-income families are going to feel the effect of this recession for some time as they pull themselves out of new cash debts incurred in this period of spotty employment. U. S. families increased their personal borrowing of cash loans a whopping nine-tenths of a billion dollars in the last recorded 12-month period.

Besides meat, another big problem this year is the stiff price of milk. That milk's price is artifically rigged at high levels in many large cities is shown by the noticeable cost difference in different cities. You may pay as little as 19 cents a quart, and as much as 30.6 cents, depending on where you live and whether the price in your area is fixed artificially by Federal-State marketing agreements.

Families in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago pay the stiffest prices of 30.6 cents, 30, 28.5 and 28.3 respectively, compared to a national average of 25.8. At 27 cents, milk also carries an extra premium in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Baltimore. In free-market Minneapolis, Families pay only 19.3 cents for this basic food for their children.

The auto industry especially is being hard hit this year as wage-earners are forced to devote a larger part of their income to basic necessities. Already the industry has an inventory of 800,000 current-year cars on hand. This is 24 percent more than last year at this time.

There are some scattered price cuts helpful to moderate-income families. For the first time in years, manufacturers have cut the prices of carpeting. The cut is only three percent but still of some help. Other price cuts are noticeable on lumber and plumbing equipment, some heating equipment and cotton textiles, with scattered reductions on gasoline and fuel oil. You can pick up some early-season buys in air conditioners, especially on the large stock of 1957 models manufacturers and distributors have had to carry over.

The business recession is forcing a cut in the price of mortgage money after five years of steadily-advancing rates. The new trend is most noticeable in the East, where many lenders have cut the interest rate to 5½ percent, although a few savings and loan associations still insist on 6. In the West the South, the rate still holds close to 6.

But the leveling-off in mortgage costs has come too late to help wage-earners who by and large now are completely priced out of the housing market. The trend now is back to renting.

This is a significant reversal of the big movement to home ownership that occurred after World War II, when many families found monthly payments on a house cost less than rent. But in the period from 1950-56, costs of home ownerships and operation soared 39 percent compared to a rise of 22 percent in rentals. Now in many cases it's again relatively cheaper to rent, and more builders are beginning to put up rental units this year.

Clothes tell about you

Clothes are a label that reflect our moods, social attitudes and psychological needs, according to Dr. Hans Kleinschmidt, psychiatrist. He says that disturbed persons who come to him for treatment often show the extent of their depression by outward appearances. Persons who have had to withdraw or cannot successfully cope with reality, may often look very disheveled or wear clothes that are obviously discordant or consistently low-key.

Colors are a subtle clue: A patient who always wears dark gray may not switch to bright red after therapy is completed. But she is apt to choose colors with more interest and assurance, not on the basis of camouflage. The person who withdraws from a world that defeats him is rarely inclined to look cheerful or care very much about being attractive, he reported.

Taste in clothes can indicate, to some measure, a person's acceptance of himself and his relationship to his "group." For most women, clothes are a healthy expression of exhibitionism. The average female wants to be noticed, admired and loved.

A lot of room

There's going to be a lot of room for decorating in 1958. About three million persons, it is estimated, are going to be married and set up housekeeping, some of them in the 950,000 new dwelling units, including apartments, that will be built this year.

Demand the Union Label!

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

"**I AM AFRAID** of this world and have no friends."

That is the note which was found in the third floor apartment of a woman who jumped from it to her death on the sidewalk below.

She was only 34 years old and left three children from 3 to 8 years of age.

She left another note telling the little ones to "study hard and have a good future."

LEAVING ASIDE the fact that a young mother thus abandoned her children to a world she herself was afraid of, one wonders how many women, and men, too, at times feel like saying those exact words, "I am afraid of this world and have no friends."

During this season of Lent, millions of men and women come to a new confidence that they are not afraid of this world, and that they do have friends in their church, which they believe to be "the mystical body of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people."

OTHERS dismiss that as mythology, but go through the most terrifying experiences without becoming fundamentally afraid of the world, and feel they have friends although some of those they once believed to be friends have played them false.

In short, most of us, one way or another, surely never say even to our secret selves those dreadful words that unhappy woman wrote.

Women good parolees

George J. Reed, chairman of the United States Board of Parole, told United Press that in the year ended last June 30 only twenty-four of 164 female prisoners granted parole violated provisions of their new freedom.

"Thus," Mr. Reed said, "85 percent were successfully completing the balance of their (prison) terms in the community under supervision." The rate for all Federal prisoners regardless of sex was 80 percent during the same period.

Mr. Reed also reported that the average parolee, male and female, earned $271 a month. On that basis, he said, they are able to support themselves, their dependents and pay Federal income taxes.

Mr. Reed said that since it cost the taxpayers an average of $1,394 a year to house and care for one prisoner compared to a cost of only $150 a year to supervise him on parole "there is substantial economic value in the use of parole."

In addition, he said, because of firm supervision "a life is often saved from further crime. Parole truly is good business, in every sense of the word."

LEAVING BOOKS AROUND the house for a child to pick up or not as he sees fit is one method recommended by the Child Study Association of America.

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June velvet? April satin?

Velvet in June? Cotton in December? Satin in April?

Any number of women have the same number of opinions on the seasonal limitations of certain fabrics. Eight well dressed working women were asked how they felt about it; the answers were diverse and contradictory.

A young fashion reporter said grimly that she wouldn't be caught in satin after January 1st; an interior decorating consultant said she loved her thin navy satin dress for any evening in the year.

A secretary liked to wear a velvet skirt during cool summer evenings, another young woman puts everything velvet in mothballs after Washington's Birthday.

A researcher said she loves to wear cotton dresses in December while another young woman prefers thin wool dresses all through summer — including the most scorching days.

What's the answer to when fabrics can be worn? There isn't any — it's largely a matter of taste or fashion education.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

HOW do you unspoil a spoiled child?

That is a question many parents are asking educators and psychologists these days. Other parents are not even bothering with the subject. They are going on with the spoiling—the easiest way—leaving the "unspoiling" in many cases, to juvenile authorities whom the spoiled child all too often encounters in his difficult adolescent years.

Parents take different attitudes toward the correction of their former errors, according to C. E. Moustakas, of the Palmer-Merritt school in Detroit.

Some try to take a "firm stand" which surprises and bewilders the child, who has never encountered it before, and often this method makes a bad matter worse.

Others prefer to drift along feeling that time will cure the trouble and the child will eventually right himself.

The spoiled child, however, is not a free soul.

"The only freedom he knows, says Mr. Moustakas," is the freedom to follow his whim and fancy, to express random impulses in achieving surface wants and in controlling others."

Much spoiling takes the form of giving the child material things. This is easier for a parent than to give of himself—his interest, his thoughts and feelings.

It is much easier to give a child money for a show on Saturday afternoon than it is to keep him home and keep him occupied in a profitable way. As one man said:

"My mother gave me everything—electric trains, bicycles, spending money, anything I wanted. But we never had a close relationship. I never knew her. And now, when I would like to talk to her I can't. I just clam up."

This man did not become a delinquent, and all spoiled children do not. Some of them miraculously "come through."

But a parent who gives his child everything but himself is taking a big chance. Even if his child does not become a delinquent, he is going to have a much more difficult time adjusting to an adult environment which is ever becoming more complex and confusing.

Dishpan hands worst menace

The housewife's number one occupational hazard remains her hands, despite the labor-saving devices of modern living. "Dishpan hands" are an everyday threat to housewives.

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Plumbers 444 hold party and receive data on politics

Combining some practical political business with much pleasure, Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 444 held a big St. Valentine's party Saturday, February 15, in Hall M of the Labor Temple.

Approximately 600 attended the festive event.

Ben H. Beynon, business manager and financial secretary, was master of ceremonies. There was a buffet supper, and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Al Green of COPE (Committee on Political Education) outlined the issues involved in the notorious compulsory open shop (right to work)

Green emphasized the importance of every union member and family registering so that plenty of votes can be cast against this initiative if it gets on the November ballot. Two deputy registrars were present to register any at the party who had not yet attended to this duty.

John J. King, Grand Lodge representative of the International Association of Machinists, a member of the Oakland Board of Education, spoke on the proposal to increase the school tax limit which was voted on three days after the holding of the party.

Archie Virtue, general organizer for the international union, spoke on conditions he encounters in his territory of California and Nevada.

Dan MacDonald, apprenticeship coordinator for the 11 Western States, discussed the state of apprentice training.

Steamfitters told harm RW could do

If any member of Steamfitters 342 fails to do all he can to kill the compulsory open shop "right to work" measure, it won't be for lack of information from his union office.

James Martin, business manager of Local 342, has mailed to every member of the union a request that the one dollar assessment for fighting "right to work," which was voted at a special meeting February 4, be mailed to his office at once.

Accompanying this request is the full text of the "right to work" initiative, a suggestion that all members refrain from signing it, and an analysis of the harm the measure if adopted could do to labor.

Officers named by TV, Radio Artists

The following new officers were installed at the first 1958 membership meeting of the San Francisco local of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, held on Wednesday, February 19, at the Press and Union League Clubs:

President Bill Hillman (KPIX), 1st vice president Clancy Leisure (KNBC), 2nd vice president Lew Walker, Jr. (KBET, Sacramento), treasurer Larry Doyle (KGO), secretary Barbara Franklin (freelance).

Wanda Ramey (KCBS) has been the local president for the past three years. Newly elected President Hillman was the local's treasurer in 1957. Larry Doyle was 2nd vice president in 1957. The other three officers are new.

The local elects its officers annually.

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Knowland never talks about folks, Brown tells labor here

Senator Knowland talks about Russia, Formosa, Poland, and way stations, but a careful study of his speeches shows that he never talks about people, about people and their problems. Folks just didn't seem to interest the Senator.

This was one of the points brought out by Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Democratic candidate for Governor, in an informal session with representatives of Alameda County Labor. The meeting was held Wednesday of last week in the William P. Fee Memorial Room at the Labor Temple.

Knowland as most citizens know by this time, is the Republican standard bearer in the battle for the Governorship.

The compulsory open shop "right to work" initiative which Knowland has stated he would sign if it came to his desk as a measure passed by the Legislature, Brown said emphatically that he would veto if it came to him from the Legislature. And he said that he is emphatically against it as an initiative, that he has examined it thoroughly, has talked with both its advocates and its opponents, and has made up his mind that it should be attacked vigorously throughout the campaign.

As for Knowland's advocacy of "union democracy," Brown said with a smile that of course everyone was for that, himself included, but that he personally felt he wasn't enough of an expert to spell out in detail everything connected with that extensive subject.

Brown said some people had felt that in his capacity as Attorney General he had put an inadequate title on the open shop initiative, but that he felt the title of "Employer-Employee Relations" which had been suggested by the ablest man in his office, and which he had adopted, was eminently fair, and obviously, favoring neither side, which was as it should be.

In this connection, he pointed out that as Attorney General he had built up a reputation for declaring a measure constitutional whether he personally liked the measure or not, and that he valued this reputation very much. Similarly, he had felt it the duty of his office to put a fair and neutral title on this very controversial "right to work" measure.

Brown said that he hoped to see labor and the Democratic Party work together closely in the campaign, which he felt was going to be a very tough one. He personally had been campaigning three months, and found it difficult to campaign and also carry on the heavy duties of his office, one of the largest of the sort in the nation.

Money was needed for the campaign, which stretched 9 months ahead still, and he was assuming that labor would assist this campaign financially as well as in other ways.

Brown made it plain that under his conception of the high office, no Governor could be merely a labor Governor, that a Governor to be anything worth having would have to try to be a Governor for the whole people. But, he emphasized, in all the years he has held office, both as District Attorney of San Francisco and as Attorney General he had never been put on the spot by organized labor for any of his actions.



EDMUND G. "Pat" BROWN

When asked about any plans he had for appointments if he was made Governor, the candidate said that labor, along with other groups representing legitimate interests, would naturally assume that there would be a difference in appointments policy between a liberal Administration and a reactionary one. He said that Governor Knight appointed people connected with reactionary groups to the Board of Regents, but that one would not expect a liberal Governor to do this.

Brown said he had talked with Governor Harriman and New York Mayor Wagner, and they both reported fair employment measures worked well there; he was for them in California. He was opposed to the Trinity "partnership" plan, not in opposition to private enterprise, but because it wasn't the best thing for California. He was opposed to removing the tax exemption from private non-profit schools.

In general, he felt that the issues in the campaign for the Governship were very clear: it was the Radical Right led by Knowland against the principles of liberal Government. Party lines would be crossed, and were already being crossed — many GOP people had already come out against the open shop measure—and he expected to get the votes of liberal GOP people.

Among the labor people who asked questions or joined in the discussion were: William Phalanger of the Roofers, E. H. Vernon of the Auto Mechanics, Jack Strelo of the Sugar Workers, Charles Garoni of the Linoleum Layers, J. L. Childers of the Building Trades Council.

Hourly wage advance in building trades gained

WASHINGTON — Average hourly rates of union building trades workers advanced 0.8 percent in the last quarter of 1957 to bring the average scale to $3.23 an hour, the Labor Department reported. Plumbers showed the greatest gain during the period with an average scale advance of 3.9 cents an hour.—**AFLCIO News.**

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Senate proposal to ban sale of liquor around any airport is opposed

On motion of John F. Quinn. Bartenders 52, the Central Labor Council this week voted to authorize Secretary Robert S. Ash to write to Senator Warren Magnuson, chairman of a committee considering SB 4, voicing opposition to an amendment to that measure.

The measure itself, Quinn explained, outlaws the sale of liquor on airplanes. To this the Bartenders and their international have no objection. But the amendment provides that no liquor be sold in or near any airport. This would affect restaurants and cocktail bars in great numbers all over the country, would throw many people out of work, and inconvenience the public.

Beck may serve 3 years for theft

Dave Beck, former president of the Teamsters, has been sentenced to serve up to 15 years in Washington State penitentiary for stealing $1900 from the union in an automobile transaction. The actual term is expected to be three years, and will be set by the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles.

Dave Beck Jr. was put on two years probation and fined $2000 on similar charges. He is to give up his job as an organizer for the union. This sentence will not be appealed, but the one for the elder Beck will be, attorneys announced.

Beck senior is scheduled for trial in May for evading $240,000 in income taxes.

Ash scotches odd rumors as absurd

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash said at this week's meeting of the council that he has always heard that if a man failed to deny the truth of rumors about him, no matter how farfetched or absurd such rumors might be, then there was a tendency to assume that the rumors were true.

For this reason, he said, and for no other, he wished to dismiss as absurd lies rumors current among some of the Teamsters that he, Bob Ash, was counseling the dissident group in that union, and that he had already lined up a leader for the group, and that the said leader was either Charles Real or Jack Reynolds!

Demand the Union Label!

Oakland Typos 36 endorse straight Progressive slate

Oakland Typographical Union 36 at its meeting Sunday endorsed the straight Progressive ticket. Voting for the higher international officers was as follows, with the winning Progressive in boldface, and the Independent in light face:

President — **Elmer Brown** 107, Howard C. Murray 17. In this case there was a third candidate, Jess Manbeck 16.

1st vice president — **John J. Pilch** 99, George Bolling 49.

2nd vice president — **A. Bevis** 91, Glen Hays 40.

3rd vice president (representing the Mailers) — **Joe Bailey** 108, John L. Wilkin 28.

Secretary-treasurer — **Don F. Hurd** 110, Francis E. Doherty 29.

In the case of the remaining offices the Progressives were endorsed.

The latest results for the international union's locals as a whole show that of 532 locals the voting for endorsement was as follows:

Brown 364, Murray 112, Manbeck 5

Pilch 339, Bolling 178
Bevis 329, Hays 185
Bailey 401, Wilkin 115
Hurd 417, Doherty 100

This means that all candidates with the exception of Manbeck have qualified to make the run, so that Progressives and Independents, the two historic parties of the union, will face each other for all the major posts.

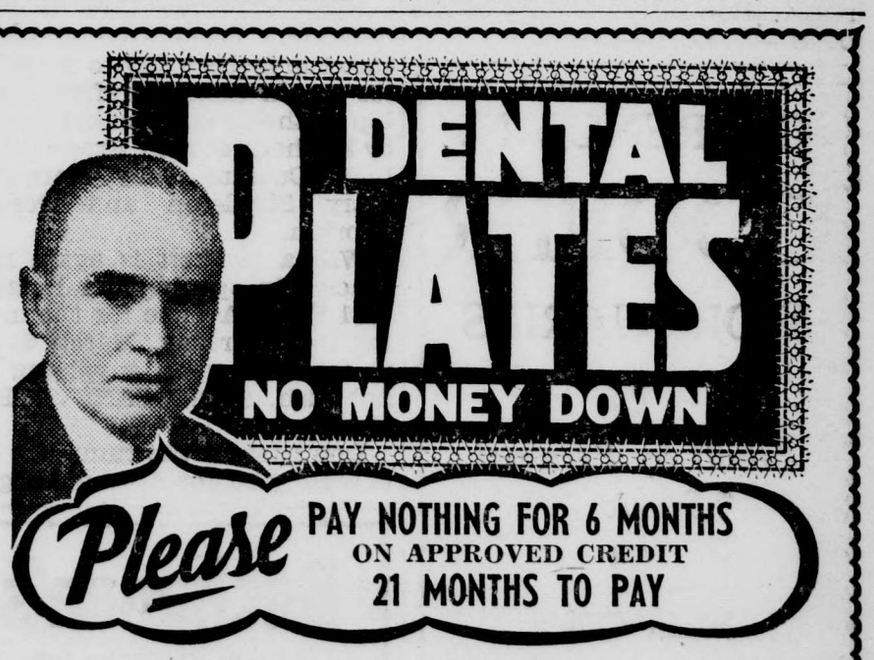
There is special interest in the election this year, due to the fact that Woodruff Randolph of the Progressive party, international president for many years, is retiring, causing changes in the lineup.

Two of the Progressive candidates, Joe Bailey and Don F. Hurd, are very well known locally. Bailey was for years secretary of S.F.-Oakland Mailers 18, and Hurd of Oakland Typographical 36.

Two years ago in the same number of locals of the international endorsing for nomination Hurd won 66% of the vote; the figures this year showed that he won 68%.

Post Office accused of trying to bust a union

The Post Office Department is accused of union busting by the Civil Liberties Union in its defense of C. C. Eustace and T. H. Monroe, officers of United Postal Workers, old CIO affiliate, about to be fired for picketing the S. F. Post Office November 27, 1957.



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Economy firings by AFLCIO office get a bad press

AFLCIO headquarters in Washington has been getting a bad press on the firing for economy reasons of more than a hundred organizers and other employees.

Miss Hollace Randsdell, a writer in the publications department, and Lewis G. Hines, an assistant to President George Meany, indignantly refused to accept gold watches for long service when they were dropped.

The American Newspaper Guild has filed a protest against the refusal of the high command to recognize the organizers' union. The Guild said this refusal had created problems for it and other unions besides fouling the public relations atmosphere.

Some of those fired were members of the executive board of the organizers' proposed union, and threats of filing unfair labor practices charges are being made.

It is generally assumed that there are two reasons for the dropping of so many people.

The first is that when the merger of AFL and CIO was made in 1955, practically all members of the staffs of both top organizations were taken on the payroll for diplomatic reasons, overloading it.

The second is that with the ousting of the Teamsters and other unions the per capita income of the merged federation has decreased considerably.

President Meany in discussing with the press the refusal to recognize the organizers' union has stated that these men should be considered as representatives of "management," that is the management of the big AFLCIO federation.

Unions speed tally on vote registration

An amazing number of responses have been received from local unions who were requested by their Internationals to send COPE information regarding the registration of their members. In one month's time, between 500 and 600 locals, affiliated with some 45 Internationals, have sent into COPE a 3 x 5 card listing registration data.

Information furnished on the card includes whether the local has checked its membership list against the official list of registered voters; the date of such a check; the number of members belonging to the local; the number eligible to register; and the number registered.

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Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

After laying off for the past several weeks I will once again try and give some information that I hope the brothers will like.

In the first place the office now has registration cards from the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund regarding members who are sixty five years of age or older, and are working part time or retired. Effective March 1st, 1958 any member who has reached the age of sixty five and wants to continue his welfare benefits after retiring should come into the office and sign the application card. This is the result of the two cents voted a year ago.

Some of us are very sorry to see so many people in this so-called, All American City just don't care or are so stingy as was shown by the recent school board election to support the very existence of their town, namely the children. I hope that the tax dollar they saved will some day drag them down to where they belong.

As has been requested in the past and will be requested many more times don't sign that green petition which is now on the streets. Remember you can always get a better deal through your organization than you can get individually, no matter what Mr. Fife Knowland and his gang would like you to believe.

I regret to report the death of the following brothers, Charles Hall, M. C. Souza and Russell S. Knote who all passed away this month.

The following brothers are on the sick list: R. D. Weber is at Merritt Hospital, John McAdams at Veterans Hospital, Joe Costa at home recovering from a broken arm and Lou Horning at home recovering from a heart ailment.

This is all this time hoping you are all registered and that I will see you at the next meeting March 13.

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

Sorry, flu bug bit me, so couldn't attend February meeting and Valentine party at the home of Anita Rankin. I've been informed that our versatile one, Freda Cripps, made the Valentine favors, Irma Sullivan brought canned peaches and assorted Valentine cookies and the hostess charmingly presided over the coffee and a festive time was had by all.

The whist party at the home of Wilma Hackett on Thursday February 20 was a whopping success. The weather man so obligingly cooperated giving us just the lovliest day to make the ice cream taste so refreshing on top of the delicious cakes brought by Katherine Allen, Freda Cripps, Lucy Cushing, May Marquand, Mary Stapleton and Dorothy Sporkin.

Wilma Hackett is again most graciously opening her home at 5681 Keith Avenue for the meeting on Thursday, March 6, and also insists upon supplying the hot dish, so NO SANDWICHES, girls.

Don't forget the rummage sale is scheduled for April 24. A good chance to get rid of everything not worth keeping, but too good to throw away, so bring your husbands. On the other hand maybe you better hold on to him.

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Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

A complaint was received at the office relative to a newspaper advertisement being run by Larry's Jewelers, 11323 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, which advertised watch repairs for $5.00. I visited this establishment and have been assured that this advertisement will not be run again.

Some time ago, we reported that we had a wage case against Reinhard & Co., jewelers of Redwood City. Although some time has elapsed since the last hearing, the Labor Commissioner has set another hearing for March 5th on this case.

Most of the members will remember Ainsley "Ed" Edmonds who has been a member of this organization for a number of years. However, we do not believe that too many knew he has become a fireman in the city of Milpitas.

We were extremely sorry to hear that Ainsley met with a very unfortunate accident Sunday while performing the duties required of a fireman.

It seems he entered a burning building, in which was stored a butane tank, unknown to the Fire Department. The tank exploded and Ainsley was seriously burned and is, at this writing, in the San Jose Community Hospital in a very serious condition.

The doctors are confident he will recover, which news, we are happy to hear and report to you.

Another reminder that in accordance with the by laws of this local, you must register to vote. Do not fail to send to this office, proof of your registration.

SAN JOSE MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 8 p.m.—Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

A house warming party was held February 22, 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh 4020 Quigley Street, Oakland were delightfully surprised when a group of friends gave them a party. The gift ($35.50) to purchase a token in remembrance to add in their new home from several friends.

Guests included—most all are union members—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bartalini, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber, Mr. and Mrs. John Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durflinger, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Flanigan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flick, Dora Harrington, Monroe Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindahl, Mr. and Mrs. Onus Nall, C. E. Risley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walsh and guests of honor Mr. and Mrs. Walsh.

Several folks are ill: Martha Light, Annie Elvin, Anna Strand who could not be present.

Games, prizes and a festive table of foods were enjoyed by those attending.

Demand the Union Label!

Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

The agreement between the eight employer associations and the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters calls for a twelve and one half cents per hour raise on June 15, 1958. This would make the journeyman carpenter rate $3.30 per hour.

In addition there is another 2½ cents which can be applied in one of three ways. This 2½ cents can be put (1) as wages, (2) as Health and Welfare, or (3) as pension.

The various local unions are holding special meetings to vote as to how the 2½ cents should be applied. Each member will be able to vote on his choice and the negotiating committee of the Council will be guided by the results.

This contract runs until June 15, 1959.

Hayward Painters 1178

By ROGERT G. MILLER

Law suits brought against certain organized labor groups if won by the employers groups would deny us the many rights and benefits we now have.

Did you ever consider the many, hard, grueling hours of work by our officials, in the meetings with the employers to gain and keep these rights and benefits?

These lawsuits tie in with the many proposed laws written in to legislative bills that will be acted upon in many States this fall.

It all boils down to the fact that the different States are out to wreck these rights and benefits. Are you interested?

If not, don't read the East Bay Labor Journal, or any other newspapers. Don't read the pamphlets you sometimes get from this office. Don't use your right to register and vote on this and many other subjects written on the Ballots on different occasions, and continue to stay away from the union meetings, as an indication of your lack of interest in the continuation of the rights and benefits you now enjoy.

This is a warning to you, that you could lose these if you continue to show your lack of interest in your right to register and vote. Do you have any reaction to this script? Let us know.

2,099 IAM lodges set record for union

The International Association of Machinists chartered 74 new lodges during 1957, bringing the union's strength to a new high of 2,099 lodges with a total membership of nearly 1,000,000.

California, with 16, had the largest number of new IAM local bodies. The new lodges were set up in 28 states and two Canadian provinces and are as widely separated as from Puerto Rico to Alaska and from Boston to Honolulu, the IAM reported.

R. D. Weber of Painters 127 is in the hospital

Richmond D. Weber, member of Painters 127, has been in Merritt hospital for two weeks.

Mrs. Weber says that he is dangerously ill.

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Theatrical Local B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

International Representative John A. Forde installed the new officers at the regular meeting of February 20. The newly installed officers comprise President Jack Lubkert, Vice-President Florence Forsberg, Business Manager-Financial Secretary Joe Connelly, Recording Secretary Treasurer Bill Taylor and Executive Board members Ethel Day, Claire Costello, Frances Lockett, Shirley Hart, Elmer Loofbourrow and Martin Scholm. Board member Charlotte Thomsen was unable to attend, due to illness.

Following the regular membership meeting the board held a short organizational meeting and tentatively adopted the 2nd Tuesday of the month as their meeting day. Board meetings will be called to order at 11 a.m.

Up and down the aisle . . . **Marie Thompson**, formerly of the Fox-Oakland and Paramount, returning to the Oakland as a honeymoon fill-in for **Vivian Bonillas** who is slated to be married . . . **Judy Corbett** of the Vogue in Alameda, claims to be related to "Gentleman Jim", the fighter while **Daphne Robinson** of the same house is related to Raymond Burr, well known actor most recently identified with the TV "Perry Mason" series . . . **The next union meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 11 p.m. . . . Bill Taylor Jr.**, formerly filling in at the Broadway door when **Joe Cassell** was on the sick list, is now a member of the door staff at the T & D . . . The Central Theater, the latest to fall prey to a gunman, to the reported tune of $525.00, last Saturday. The police have a very good suspect in hand at this writing . . . **Our deepest sympathy to the surviving members of the family of James R. Dixon Sr., who managed various Golden State theaters in this locality at one time, among them the Rivoli, Gateway and Palace (San Leandro). Mr. Dixon worked under the jurisdiction of this local as a stage doorman during the Orpheum vaudeville days. He was a charter member of the Moving Picture Operators union in Spokane, having served as their President and Business Agent, before assuming managerial duties. However, he returned to the booth and after leaving this jurisdiction worked as an operator in San Francisco, until ill health forced his retirement several years ago. In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by a son James R. Dixon Jr., who worked the Rivoli, Fox-Oakland and Esquire theaters, and at one time served as President of our local.**

Barbers convention to commence September 8th

WASHINGTON — The calendar of 1958 conventions published in the January 18 issue of the AFLCIO News incorrectly reported the opening date of the convention of the Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists & Proprietors. The convention will open Monday, September 8, in Indianapolis.—**AFLCIO News.**

CLC delegates seated

Delegates to the Central Labor Council seated by President Al Brown this week: Floyd Clardy, Hospital Workers 250; Herbert A. Perry, California Department of Industrial Relations Employees 1031.

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AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Registrations are now open for delegates to the California State Pipe Trades Council convention to be held April 25, 26 and 27, 1958 at Hotel Leamington, Oakland.

There was first reading of registrations at the membership meeting February 20, 1958. Registrations closed February 27, 1958 at 9:00 p.m. Election of delegates will be held at the special called membership meeting to be held March 20, 1958. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Also, at this election the members will vote to apply the .25¢ increase already negotiated, effective July 1, 1958, as wages or on a vacation plan.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Financial Secretary,
Business Manager

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

Hope to see you at the next meeting of the Local March 13, 1958.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise specified. Meetings at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1622

The local will hold the Friday, February 28 meeting as previously announced.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, February 28, 1958, 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

The regular scheduled meeting of February 28 has been designated as a Special Called meeting to vote on Resolution No. 2 passed at the December convention of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held March 1, 1958. Time: 8:00 p.m., with the executive board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Place as agreed on: Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley, on the west side of the avenue just north of Bancroft Way.

There are many problems of importance for consideration, so please make every effort to attend. Refreshments as usual, with Coffee Jennin and Cooky Beaver active.

Fraternally,
CHARLES HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California. We will have the regular order of business.

Fraternally.
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 9:00 a.m. Tuseday, March 4.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4, at 8:00 p.m. in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CEMETERY WORKERS 322

Please be advised that the March membership meeting has been designated a special meeting. Please attend Tuesday evening, March 4, at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, Oakland. A fine of $2.50 will be assessed for non-attendance.

Fraternally,
MICHAEL O'DONNELL
President

CEMENT MASONS 594

The next regular meeting, to be held Thursday March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, will be a special meeting.

The special order of business will be election to fill two offices recently vacated.

Fraternally yours,
M. B. DILLASHAW,
Financial Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

There will be a Special Called meeting on Friday, March 7, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland. Vote will be taken on how the extra 2½ cents will be placed on June 15, 1958 when the next raise on our contract is effective.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Our next regular meeting will be held March 7. See 1178's column on page 4.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

CLERKS AND LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 1958. All regular meetings thereafter will be held on the fourth Friday of each month until further notice.

Death assessment No. 6 is now due and payable.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, at 2:00 p.m. March 1. Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.,

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

THAT MILD RECESSION GETS SHARPER & SHARPER TEETH EVERY MONTH!

During January in the Bay Area unemployment insurance claims filed averaged 43,500 a week, the highest in 8 years.

This rise from December was 8700, the steepest increase on record for the period in the area.

Eight years ago in January there was an average number of 57,000 applications per week in this area.

Seidel's quitting may revive hassle

Dr. Vaughn D. Seidel having announced that he will not run in the June primaries for reelection as Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Supervisors is considering its 1956 proposal that the office be made appointive instead of elective.

The Central Labor Council, which opposed the idea vigorously in 1956, and did much to defeat it at the polls, has been notified that there will be a meeting of the Supervisors at which the matter can be discussed.

Dr. Seidel in making his announcement said that he intends to enter private business. He has been a county school official for 28 years.

Law's kink delays building schools

One out-of-date clause in the law governing operation of the State School Building Fund is holding up the construction of high schools, according to a letter sent to BTC Representative J. L. Childers by Robert C. Coney, research assistant for the Mt. Eden school district.

Coney says that the law as it stands provides that no more than five million dollars a month may be apportioned to various districts with school building projects. This clause did little harm when mainly elementary schools were being built. But now that many high schools, which are much more expensive, are being built or projected, the clause is holding up construction.

Coney argues that this restriction should be removed or liberalized.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.



THIS IS THAT BREADLINE, "the first one there's been a picture of for years," as Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash remarked at a recent meeting of that body. Over 45,000 persons lined up for free food from government surplus stocks. Senator Albert Gore (D., Tenn.), holding food packages, said he will ask Congress to set up a national public works program to create jobs in depressed areas.—One Republican politician criticized Democrats for calling attention to this bread line.

Factory employment has a bigger than seasonal decline, State announces

California manufacturing employment dropped more than seasonally in January, Ernest B. Webb, California director of industrial relations, announces.

The factory force in the State decreased to 1,146,200 wage and salary workers in January, down 34,000 from the preceding month. This was the largest December-January loss since 1949 and compares with decreases of 14,700 in 1957 and 18,600 in 1956.

In addition to the usual seasonal contraction in food processing, lumber, and stone, clay, and glass products, cutbacks were registered in machinery, metals, aircraft, electrical equipment, and automobiles.

'INJUSTICE ON TRIAL', film attacking the "right to work" proposal and showing dramatic scenes of the actual working of the law, will be available about March 15, AFLCIO announces.

Religious leaders attack open shop

State AFL headquarters has released in pamphlet form the statements of three prominent California religious leaders condemning "right to work" proposals which would outlaw the union shop.

The pamphlet features indictments of "right to wreck" by Reverend Andrew Juvinall, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Napa; Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, Catholic of San Diego, and Dr. Max Nussbaum, Rabbi of Temple Israel, Hollywood.

Copies of the pamphlet were sent by state AFL headquarters to all central councils with a request by C. J. Haggerty that local central bodies mail a copy to every clergyman within their jurisdiction.

Haggerty said that a limited number of the pamphlets are also available for bulk distribution to church and synagogue congregations.—**State Federation Newsletter.**

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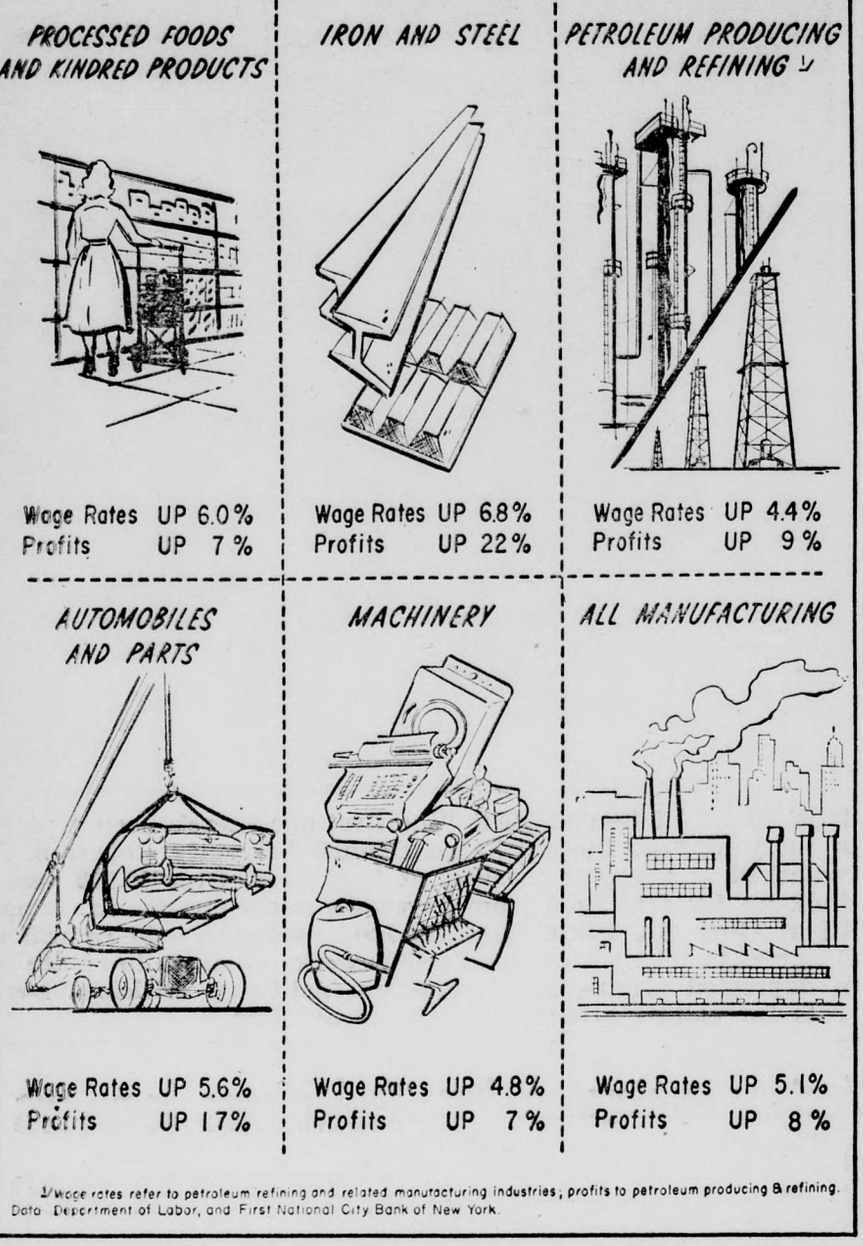
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PROFITS OF LEADING CORPORATIONS HAVE RISEN FASTER THAN WAGE RATES

Rate of Increase in Profits and in Average Hourly Earnings of Production Workers in Key Industries, First Three Quarters 1956 - First Three Quarters 1957
In Current Dollars



1/ Wage rates refer to petroleum refining and related manufacturing industries; profits to petroleum producing & refining.
Data: Department of Labor, and First National City Bank of New York.

HOW PROFITS of corporations have outrun wage increases is shown in this chart from the publication, Wages and the Public Interest, published by the Conference on Economic Progress. Business pricing policies, not wage increases, have caused inflation, the study finds.

Knowland quit by Nixon on issue of 'right to work'

Opposition to California's "right to work" initiative took on new momentum with Vice President Richard Nixon's defense of the union shop.

The Nixon statement on the union shop came during the Vice President's visit to California for top level Republican conferences on the state GOP situation. The statement left Senator William Knowland as the lone prominent Republican favoring "right to work."

The union shop, which would be banned by the initiative, sets up membership in the union as a condition of employment.

Nixon said his position on the union shop was the same today as when he voted approval of it in the Taft-Hartley enactment of 1947. The T-H law permits the union shop but outlaws the closed shop.

He said the union shop position on Taft-Hartley has "proved to be effective.—**State Federation Newsletter.**

JACK GOLDBERGER, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, will be reappointed to State Fair board of directors, Governor Knight announces.

P. O. workers need more money: Miller

The Congressional Record for February 17 contains a statement by Congressman George P. Miller calling attention to the high cost of living in the Bay Area. He cited the UC Heller report as quoted by the Christian Science Monitor. He continued:

"I want to tell my colleagues that many of these people who are so badly hit are Federal employees in the classified and postal services.

"We have been and are dragging our feet in giving them a salary increase to meet the ever-increasing cost of living.

"Though they are well organized, they cannot strike to bolster their bargaining power. They are wholly dependent upon the will of Congress—and Congress, to my thinking, is shirking its responsibility toward them.

"The Heller committee report should quicken our conscience and goad us into action."

VARIETY ARTISTS Guild has opened a branch office in Honolulu, Western Regional Director I. P. Mazzei announces. Over 200 members have been signed up there within the past 60 days, he said.

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Judge Lester T. Foley paid tribute by labor for founding night court

Labor people joined with other citizens of the Hayward area to give a great ovation to Municipal Judge Lester T. Foley last week at Carpenters Hall in Hayward to commemorate the seventh year of the night court founded by Judge Foley.

Speaker after speaker from the ranks of labor pointed out that the night sessions of Judge Foley's court have been of the greatest convenience to working folk. They don't have to absent themselves from their jobs in order to appear or to testify.

The popularity of the Judge was evidenced by the overflow crowd in attendance.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, pointed out that the night court, carried on a voluntary basis, without extra pay for the Judge and court attaches, has been of real service to the entire community.

Roy Woods, Hayward Culinary 823, said that the night court was deeply appreciated by his own union and by all other unions in the area.

Herman Mintz dwelt on the just, kindly, and considerate dealings of Judge Foley with all matters that came before him.

Judge Foley was formerly an assistant district attorney in Elko, Nevada. He was in the armed services during World War II. He has built a widespread reputation for his ability as a jurist.

It was announced that a crocheted American flag to be hung in the Judge's courtroom was made by Mrs. O. L. Fuller, wife of a trustee of the Building Trades Council, and that a similar one made by her hangs in the Hyde Park Franklin D. Roosevelt Museum.

Judge Foley in his talk thanked Roe, Woods, Castro and others for sponsoring the meeting, and thanked Judge Jerry Connitt for taking his place in the voluntary night court when he had to be absent. He felt that those present constituted a fine cross section of the community, and he felt happy and proud to have his family the members of which he introduced, see how his efforts were appreciated.

It was impossible to get the names of all the labor people there, but among those noted at random in addition to those already mentioned were:

Central Labor Council President Al Brown, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, Paul L. Jones of the Laborers, Leon McCool of Carpenters 1622, Bill Cabral of the Teamsters, Chet Oliveira and Manuel Castro of the Cannery Workers, Bill York of the Teamsters Automotive Employees, Joe Madeiros of Hayward Culinary, Tony Polverosa of the Steelworkers.

Judge Monroe Friedman was present, as were District Attorney Frank Coakley, Assemblyman Bob Crown, County Clerk Jack Blue, City Manager Doug Smith of Hayward, City Councilman Jack Maltester of San Leandro, City Councilman Frank Biggs of Hayward, County Supervisor Francis Dunn Jr.

Fee for importing farm labor up

Glenn E. Brockway of the U. S Labor Department's regional offices announced that the fees charged agricultural employers of Mexican farm workers entering the U. S. under the Migrant Labor Pact with Mexico was increased, effective January 1, 1958 to $10 per worker for contracting and $5 per worker for recontracting.

Former fee for contracting workers was $7 and that for recontracting was $4.

Brockway, Labor Department Employment Security chief in California, Nevada and Arizona said the increases were ordered to bring collections more closely in lines with actual transportation and subsistence costs incurred by the U. S. in bringing in Mexican nationals and making them available to employers. Under the law and Migrant Labor Pact, Mexican workers may be brought into the U. S. for farm work but only when domestic farm labor is not available.

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Hosts chosen for apprentice meet

Representatives of management and labor from the Bay Area industries met with Ernest B. Webb, director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and Charles F. Hanna, chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, recently to form a host committee for the second quarterly California Apprenticeship Council meeting which is to be held in San Francisco in April.

Wililam J. Varley, of the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association, was elected chairman of the group, which met in the conference room of the Industrial Relations building at 965 Mission Street. Al Figone, business agent of Carpenters Local 483 was elected co-chairman. Besides electing officers the committee established a number of sub-committees and picked the chairmen and co-chairmen who will select members from industries throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Big Biz mag bares Shefferman shame

The AFLCIO has called attention to the fact that the NAM and the National Chamber of Commerce showed very slight evidences of shock at the revelations of the McClellan Committee concerning the operations of Nate Shefferman.

But Fortune, the magazine for big business men who apparently want to know the painful truth about some of their own painful operations, publishes in the February issue a long article by Daniel Bell entitled "Nate Shefferman, Union Buster: How the improbable combination of Sears, Roebuck and Dave Beck helped promote an anti-labor specialist."

The tone of the article is set in the opening sentences:

"Of the many tales of flimflammery unfolded in the McClellan Committee's investigation, one in particular should give businessmen pause.

"It is the tale of Nathan Shefferman—a tale that has given business its worst publicity since the days of the LaFollette Committee twenty years ago.

"What first attracted attention to Shefferman was his business relations with union leader Dave Beck. Ironically, however, as the details unfolded, Shefferman emerged as a professional wrecker of union drives.

"The full story reveals a rough nether world—which many persons thought had vanished long ago—of union busting and 'sweetheart deals,' now camouflaged by the trappings of 'human relations.'"

Dem candidate speaks at CLC

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cratic Glenn Anderson was addressing the Central Labor Council, Governor Goodwin J. Knight, candidate for the GOP nomination for U. S. Senator, was formally opening his campaign with a speech attacking his Democratic opponent Representative Clair Engle. He spoke at a $100-per-plate dinner attended by some 1200 persons in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Glenn M. Anderson told the CLC delegates:

"Knowland is for Employer-Employee Relations initiative ("right to work"), Knight is against it, and Nixon is playing hands off. The Young Republicans ducked the issue of the initiative but endorsed Knowland's views. The patent dishonesty, the toadying to all segments of opinion — particlarly entrenched reactionaries—demonstrates the bankruptcy of the Republican Party.

"On the other hand, Pat Brown, Clair Engle, and the other Democratic standard bearers—local and Statewide—are united in their opposition to the Employer-Employee Relations Act and other divisive legislation."

Anderson said that the first action of the Democrats if they won the election would be to get a Fair Employment Practices Act on the statute books.

He said that he realized he and the other Democratic candidates have not "yet been formally endorsed by labor, but I expect us to be, as if there was ever a time when the interests of labor and the Democratic Party exactly coincided in this State, now is that time!"

Anderson said that so far as he and his fellow Democratic candidates are concerned, the campaign is in full swing now. He said this was the ninth speech he had made that day, and that the next day over in the big valley he was going to make 11.

Secretary Ash reported that while the "right to work" crowd was trying to use the State Employment offices to drum up circulators for their unpopular petition, he had received assurance that the State office was not posting the "right to work" job offer to circulators; and that applicants for unemployment insurance would not be denied benefits for turning down their offer of such a job.

Further conferences were being held on this, Ash said.

Assistant Secretary Dick Groulx said that one trick of the "right to work" circulators is to tell a seemingly hostile man, "Go ahead and sign the petition, so it can get on the ballot, and can be voted down, and then you'll be rid of it."

The Knowland statement that he would support Nixon for President, if and when, had been outlined before by the Senator, but its reiteration was assumed to be significant in view of the Democrats' charge that Knowland seeks the Governorship merely as a stepping stone to the Presidency.

Jack Benny, comedian and friend of Knight, was master of ceremonies at the Knight dinner, which was held to raise money for his primary campaign. But political correspondents for the daily press noted that he made no mention of his GOP opponents for the nomination, Mayor George Christopher and Warren H. Atherton. Instead he leveled his fire at the Democratic candidate, Clair Engle. This was taken to indicate that it is Engle he fears.

WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM giving labor news and views is being considered by the executive committee of the Central Labor Council.

Indians, & prison graduates, are hit by unemployment

Unemployment is not only hitting people long accustomed to holding regular jobs at their trade, but it is playing even worse havoc with two groups, totally dissimilar in other respects, who seek full integration with American economic life.

The troubles of both of these groups was brought up at this week's meeting of the Central Labor Council.

Maynard Gage, a relocation officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Dale Wing, an Indian from the Fort Peck reservation in Montana, told the council that Indians who have been coming in from the Northwest and the Southwest and getting jobs in the Bay Area are now unemployed due to the economic recession.

"Acreage is restricted on the reservations," said Dale Wing, "but the birthrate is not. The result is that economic conditions are desperate there, and our people come here and take their chances on getting employment."

Unions were asked to bear in mind the special plight of these people, many of them skilled craftsmen and veterans of World War II or the Korean War.

The other special group is the people at San Quentin who have paid their debt to society but are waiting for assurance of a job before they come out into the world again. Assistant Secretary Dick Groulx, telling of having been taken through San Quentin by his colleague Art Hellender, dwelt on this aspect of the limited employment situation.

Groulx said that when he was at the prison he was greatly impressed and moved to think of the men, eager to return to the world, but with no job to which to go.

Hellender, due to his long experience as a community relations worker, is familiar with conditions at San Quentin, and visits there once a month or so.

Court costs high, Hoffa discovers

Reports from Miami Beach where the Teamsters held their first executive board sessions after James R. Hoffa was permitted by a Federal Court to take over the presidency, are that the union may have to pay some half a million dollars for legal fees and court costs.

Godfrey P. Schmidt, attorney for the 13 New York rank and file members of the union who tried to keep Hoffa out of the presidency, says he will ask for a $300,000 fee. Under the court's ruling, the Teamos must pay all fees and costs of the trial. The rank-and-file costs, plus the union's defense costs, will run the total to some $500,000, it is estimated.

Whitaker & Baxter on the two issues

Whitaker & Baxter, the big public relations firm which has handled many political scraps in California, says that political experts believe the tax relief initiative backed by organized labor "is almost certain to qualify." The firm adds:

"Right-to-work advocates from the California Southland are predicting that the proposal to outlaw union shop contracts in the State will carry in November by a solid two to one, and backing their predictions with cash. Opponents of the proposed initiative are betting that it may not even qualify for the ballot by the June 10 deadline."

Congressman raps boycotted Ward's

Montgomery Ward—object of a nationwide strike and boycott by the Retail Clerks—was the target of a blunt, outspoken denunciation recently on the floor of the Congress.

Rep. Alvin E. O'Konski (Dem., Wis.) charged that "Ward's policy . . . is intended to destroy the entire bargaining process and makes a mockery of employees' rights to join and to bargain through a labor union of their own choice."

The congressman terms the company's position "a sham on the stockholders and the public". Pointing out that Ward's has negotiated a previous contract with the Retail Clerks on a national basis, O'Konski went on to say:

"Ward's seeks to conceal the true issues of the dispute by insisting that the issue of the strike is the union's insistence on national bargaining, as opposed to its view that bargaining should take place on a store-by-store basis."

Fire Fighters discuss proposed consolidation of fire, police services

Functional consolidation and integration of the police and fire services were the topics of discussion at a dinner meeting of the Northern California locals of the International Association of Fire Fighters held in Helnick's Restaurant Oakland, recently. Present at this dinner were delegates from the following cities: Lafayette, Los Altos, Oakland, Richmond, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton and Bay Area Federal Fire Fighters.

The occasion of this dinner was the presence in this area of three International Association of Fire Fighters' vice presidents; Howard Barry, New York, 1st District; A. E. Albertoni, California, 10th District; Charles Chambers, Toronto, Canada, 13th District.

Open shop stooge does not know what a union shop is, it turns out!

Howard B. Wyatt, head of the statewide front committee pushing the initiative to outlaw the union shop has figuratively fallen on his face.

Wyatt didn't know what a union shop was when questioned by Harry Bernstein, labor editor of the Los Angeles Examiner.

The front man of the Committee for Voluntary Unionism told Bernstein a union shop "is where union representatives have a contract with an employer on wages, times, and all that."

As Bernstein noted, a union shop requires membership in the union within a specified time after the date of employment.

Knight asked by CIO-PAC to include joblessness in special session call

California CIO's Committee on Political Education through its executive council has asked Governor Knight to include the unemployment problem in any call he may make for a special session of the Legislature in March.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council is an affiliate of the CIO-PAC as well as of the AFL-LLPE (Labor League for Political Education).

On the national level Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell said the consensus of President Eisenhower's Cabinet is that if joblessness continues to rise in March the Administration should recommend a tax cut.

Demand the Union Label!



CALIFORNIA MACHINISTS back Retail Clerk's strike and boycott against Montgomery Ward. Resolution was adopted at California Conference of Machinists conference at Fresno. Shown signing resolution are Mel Thompson, president, California Conference of Machinists; with him (seated left) are John T. Schiavenza, conference secretary-treasurer; and Wayne Downs, IAM Lodge 2028, Santa Monica. Standing are Chris Amadio, IAM Lodge 1327, San Francisco, and Herb Cooksey, IAM Lodge 94, Los Angeles.

Building supply worker cards discussed by Building Trades

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that a job on a Chinese store was being done by nonunion workers, Childers conferred with the store owner, learned that the men were working to pay their grocery bill, suggested to the store owner that he could be taken to court for peonage, and the store owner took the men off. Floyd Peaslee, Painters said later that Childers must have made it painfully plain what peonage is, as those workers were taken off that job pronto.

TEAMSTER STATUS

Building Trades Department President Gray sent formal notice that the Teamsters have been ousted by the AFLCIO. Tabled for clarification.

CHURCH BUILDING

Representatives of the Church of Latter Day Saints have been requested to appear before the Board of Business Agents to clarify the situation with regard to their paying social security, disability insurance, and unemployment insurance on building tradesmen working on their new church.

14th & BROADWAY

Childers reported that he had discussed with the contractors and the affected unions the question of whether members of the Carpenters or the Asbestos Workers should do certain work there on the job at 14th and Broadway. Carpenters, he said, were on the job.

EL DORADO OIL CO.

Childers on behalf of the Laborers conferred with the El Dorado Oil Company management, where members of another union were being used to wreck old bins formerly used to store copra. The matter was settled, and a contract made under which the Laborers will handle the work.

DOLAN WRECKING CO.

Childers reported he was conferring with subcontractors about workers on a wrecking job for the new freeway handled by the Dolan Wrecking Company.

14th & CLAY JOB

The question having arisen as to whether the Glaziers or the Carpenters should handle certain work on a 14th & Clay job, it was agreed that the work would be done by the Glaziers, Childers said.

LABOR SEMINAR

Childers said that Professor R. A. Gordon of UC gave an interesting talk on unemployment at a recent labor seminar at New Milani's, saying that the recession would be short, seemingly, as recessions go, but that there might be no great lessening of unemployment until the spring of next year.

PETITION CIRCULATORS

Some affiliated unions have taken petitions for the initiative backed by organized labor to cut the sales tax and lighten the tax on low and middle incomes; other unions have not. It was pointed out that any union man could with the expenditure of just a little time get 25 to 50 signatures for this petition in his own neighborhood.

Dan Guzzi, Hayward Carpenters 1622, said that the "right to work" boosters were going to the State Employment office in Hayward and soliciting applicants for unemployment insurance to sign the petitions. Charles Roe of the same union said this is being done elsewhere. A speaker system to warn applicants at the State employment offices was suggested. It was agreed that a special committee on "right to work" should be set up. Vice President Joseph Pruss said that a committee of 5 from the BTC could work with the committee of 5 the CLC has set up on the same subject.

PAINTERS COUNCIL 16

Floyd Peaslee, Painters 127, executive secretary, Painters District Council 16, reminded the delegates that for a year and a half now that council has been sending into the field 6 representatives from the various house painters locals, and himself. If representatives unknown to local people were seen at work all over the area, no surprise should be felt. If credentials were checked, it would be found they were simply working under the new rules of Council 16.

COMMITTEES NAMED

President J. S. Miller announced the appointment of the following committees:

Mass meeting against "right to work"—Childers, Vice President Joseph Pruss, Bill Norman of the Hod Carriers, Floyd Peaslee of Painters 127, and Al Thoman of Carpenters 36. This committee will confer with a 5-man committee from the Central Labor Council.

COPE, especially on "right to work" problems—Childers, President Miller, Pruss, Charles Roe of Hayward Carpenters 1622, Bob Bachand of Boilermakers & Welders 10.

T. J. Roberts memorial—Peaslee, S. E. Rockwell, Pruss.

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'Fight to work' is upheld by State accident ruling

The "fight to work" as related to the "right to work" discussion was brought out at the last meeting of the Building Trades Council. It was in the newsletter issued by Smith & Parrish, labor attorneys, and read by BTC Secretary John Davy:

Brother S. of Operating Engineers Local 3 was passing his work area on a Saturday, and noticed a non-union member operating his 'dozer' with a brother union man standing by. This was in violation of the union agreement. Brother S reported the incident to the business agents and Brother X was cited to appear before the executive board.

The next time the two brothers 'met' on the job Brother X hit Brother S on the jaw, causing considerable damage. A hearing was held before the Industrial Accident Commission to determine if the damage done to Brother S was covered under the Workmens' Compensation Act.

The insurance company took the position that this was a personal fight between the two men; that it arose out of a union dispute and did not concern the employer. It was the contention of the lawyers for Brother S that he was interested in getting the Saturday work himself, and that these union rules were for his protection on the job, and that the fight arose out of the employment and was brought about by the employment.

The Industrial Accident Commission upheld Brother S's contention and ordered the Insurance Company to pay compensation and medical bills.

The lawyer's newsletter concludes the story with this moral:

This man had to "fight-to-work" and in view of certain legislation which is pending, we are **all** going to have to "fight-to-work".

ILWU serving notice it is moving in on poultry shop against Butchers

ILWU Warehouse Local 6 has served notice that it is prepared to move in on traditional AFL-CIO jurisdictions by taking over the Poultry Producers of Central California plant in San Leandro.

The ILWU local won representation rights by a margin of 100-32 over AFLCIO Butchers Local 120.

The Butchers had previously held poultry workers' bargaining rights prior to a consolidation of scattered company plants in the new unit at San Leandro.—**State Federation Newsletter.**

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Our belief in schools: Is it dead or asleep?

It was something much worse than rain which kept two-thirds of Oakland's voters away from school election polls Tuesday of last week. It was indifference to the need of the children and young people of Oakland for education.

Money talks. The amount of money spent on a project compared with some other project does a powerful lot of talking.

Rear Admiral Hyman G. Rickover gives one good instance of how money talks in this connection:

"The United States home permanent wave industry budgeted for research into ways of improving the looks of human hair a sum amounting to 2 cents per U. S. female capita. The whole nation, meanwhile, was spending only 3 cents per capita for research into education, the things that go into the head."

During the campaign for the school tax increase it was noteworthy that while organized labor was officially supporting the tax increase, one was constantly meeting officials and members of labor unions who would say that the measure would not carry, as "there is too much taxation, people are tired of it." One gathered, too, that they weren't just reflecting the opinions of other members, but were expressing their own opinions.

Another set of comparative figures given by Admiral Rickover is that "the amount of money spent for advertising in 1951 amounted to $199 per family, while the amount spent for primary and secondary education was only $152 per family."

These figures are interesting, or should be, to labor families, in view of the fact that the sponsors of the immense amount of advertising that comes over radio and television are in effect the basic educators of our children; they get at them before our official school system does, and stay with them all through their school years. These big advertisers on radio and TV are of course the huge corporations which in the minds of all informed labor people are already so powerful that they are a menace to the growth of unionism and democracy.

A good public school system is not only needed to compete with Russia, but to compete with our huge corporations!

Traditionally, labor has favored the steady improvement of the school system as a basis for democracy. Has labor now abandoned this attitude? Are we dead to the importance of our schools, or are we just asleep?

Many bags of wind will pop

Jack Goldberger, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, told a conference called by the president of the Laundry Workers Union ousted from the AFLCIO for corruption that he has made up his mind that it was wrong to merge the AFL and the CIO two years ago.

Not only did Goldberger give aid and comfort to the head of this ousted union, but leaders of the locals which refuse to stay with the ousted outfit state that a labor official much higher than Goldberger in California affairs came very close to giving aid and comfort also by appearing as a speaker at the gathering.

Goldberger as a member of one faction in the Teamsters is probably following some line laid down by the distinguished new president of that union. But the higher labor official is not a Teamster, and we assume was either momentarily asleep at the switch or indulging in some day dream quite beyond our comprehension.

Everyone who believes in a clean labor movement, and who knows that more harm is done by tolerating corruption than by undergoing the pains of ethical surgery, had better brace up right now and realize that there are going to be some queer sayings and doings during this cleanup struggle. George Meany and those who are standing firmly with him are going to take a lot of punishment, and there's going to be a great separation of the men from the boys in the course of the business.

AFLCIO headquarters just now is handicapped by the very considerable reduction of income due to the ousting of several unions. All the old grievances that for years have lain fairly quiescent are going to be revived by skilful manipulators in an effort to take advantage of the situation. So let's get used to the realization that there are going to be many bags of wind popped in our faces for some time to come.

GLENN M. ANDERSON when visiting East Bay Labor Journal this week said that he felt every Republican candidate for any office in California should be asked by labor flatly and insistently whether he is for or against the "right to work" scheme. Anderson says that he, as candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, is making his own stand clear against "right to work," as are the other Democratic candidates. Anderson's point is well taken.

No Protection!



PAINT MAKER PICKETS LONG WAY FROM HOME

Norman Devine, one of the strikers at the C. K. Williams plant in Emeryville during the recently ended prolonged struggle of Paint Makers 1101 with that company, went to East St. Louis, Illinois, to picket the company's plant there. He was accompanied by Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council. While in East St. Louis Devine wrote a letter home as follows:

Well, I am waiting for the long distance operator to call me back so thought I would write you a line while I was waiting. Well it looks like we will be here at least two more weeks.

The company is holding tight to its stand on union security and we feel that this is their main instrument in breaking unions and the company union officials have told us that they feel the same way about it.

The teamsters have given us full support tonight for as long as we need it, this we never had before.

Also we sent a telegram to the International Electricians' leader tonight asking him to put the pressure on the local man here. (Boy I wish you were home I'm so tired I can hardly keep my eyes open). Been on the line at least 11 hours a day since Wednesday, but have been promised help from the Paint Makers here on that, but also we have been told we will have to keep a night shift on the line in order to keep all the trucks out, which we will start doing tomorrow.

If it works all right I will only have to be on the line about 7 hours a day which won't be so bad. Then I can get around and help Dick Groulx a little more.

Boy, is he working his head off! If there is any one in this town who can take more of a beating than I can and still keep going, it's Dick. He has taken more of a beating and kicking around and disappointments, but he still keeps bouncing back like a rubber ball. I've never been more proud to work with a guy in my whole life.

Well, anyway, we feel that this company is out to break any union it runs into any way it can. They want to break the working man's back, rub his face in the dirt, laugh at any union that tries to tell them different, and the hell of it is they are doing it or have been up till now. And they have half of St. Louis scared of them just because they are specialists at causing dissension among unions and on the picket line just like our own, and have been successful in breaking four unions that we know of.

I just can't understand how one insignificant little man can have the power to cause so much heartbreak among people like myself who make their living with their hands, to make their bread and butter the hard way only to get kicked in the teeth every time they turn around.

This is a slap in the face of every guy that draws a pay check everywhere in the nation. When I think of all the sacrifice our forefathers had to make against much greater odds with larger corporations, and so much less to work with well, if our guys throw in the towel on this little case, I'll never be so ashamed to belong to any organization as I will be this one.

Well that's enough of that. I didn't want to give you the blues, but I thought I had to explain this to you so you won't feel so bad about me being gone from home so long.

But, I just have to see this thing through no matter what, and I need your support as much as anything else. If not more. Well I have to be going now, miss you and the kids very much will be home as soon as I can.

Love

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Labor history

The U. S. Department of Labor has just published a new 85-page "Brief History of the American Labor Movement", completely revised and updated since the first 1950 edition.

Although not a substitute for detailed and basic histories of the American labor movement, the book is extremely helpful in acquainting the student and general reader with the mainstreams of trade unionism in this country.

It's available at 35¢ a copy, with 25% reduction for orders over 100 from: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 802, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco.

RW in 1960

Organized labor in California, in fact, organized labor in the United States is now facing what could very well turn out to be its greatest test.

A victory for the "fake right to workers" in California, led by the Knowlands, Nixons and Hartleys would make this anti-labor law a principal issue in the 1960 Presidential election with the strong possibility of Nixon, the "opportunist," leading the ticket as the Presidential candidate.—**Textile Challenger.**

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

GEORGE MALONE, who while a student in Berkeley helped organize some of the old AFL Voters League units in Alameda County, is now married and living in Irvington, and teaching junior high school. He and his wife, Marilyn, take a great interest in the politics of Fremont, and have sent a letter in defending Mayor Stevenson and Vice Mayor Michael of Fremont. They contend that the labor man running for office in Fremont is mistaken in his opposition to Fremont's civic center—"an urgent need of the city."

Mr. and Mrs. Malone insist that there is also opposition to sound zoning and planning, and say in this connection:

"Rather than let real estate operators, anxious only for a quick buck, sprinkle industrial and business operations throughout residential neighborhoods, Fremont has sought to build a city to meet the best needs of ALL its people."

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A PAINTERS 127 member whose signature is too blurred for making out writes in objecting strongly to the statement by Malcolm P. McNair, Harvard economist, published in the Opinions column of East Bay Labor Journal February 14. McNair said:

"In a very real sense, the Soviets have already won because it is now demonstrated that we cannot match Russian progress toward specific objectives of knowledge, power and achievement without voluntarily submitting ourselves to a substantial degree of purposive direction in our lives, direction of investment, direction of manpower, direction of education."

The brother, addressing McNair, says: "You don't talk like an American, but like someone who got a nosebleed and runs home to mama. What you wrote is the same thing as siding with the Soviet."

That is not the reaction of the editor to McNair's statement. In our opinion, McNair is simply warning us that we'd better wake up and face up to some of the unpleasant things we're going to be forced to do in order to stay in the world race. He predicts that the national wealth is going to have to be invested in ways it wouldn't be if we were not in the cold war, that manpower is going to have to be shifted into operations it wouldn't normally be attracted by, and that educators are going to be ordered to speed up the teaching of subjects useful in the cold war.

That sounds more like uttering painful truths than expressing anything treasonable or crybabyish.

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SELMER BERG

Editor, Labor Journal:

The support of East Bay Labor Journal in the special school election was greatly appreciated by the entire staff of the Oakland Public Schools.

For your assistance and effective coverage of the problems involved, we are most grateful.

Sincerely,
SELMER H. BERG,
Superintendent of Schools

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GET SOBER!

The main thing is to get sober and to disentangle oneself from the web of slogans and ideologies.—**President Heuss of West Germany.**

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HEAD PROBLEM

What this country needs are more egg-heads and fewer fat-heads.—**Senator Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.)**